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TIP SHEET

UCI Teaching Credential Programs For Future Science or Math Teachers

The Department of Education at UCI offers several graduate programs. The admission requirements as well as the application deadlines vary by program. Please carefully check the requirements for the program in which you are interested. For further information on the programs offered at UCI, visit <http://gse.uci.edu>.

Intern Teacher Credential Program:

The UCI Intern Teacher Credential Program offers an alternative route to earning a teaching credential to uniquely qualified candidates. Typically the program begins in the Spring and involves 5 quarters of study, including one quarter of pre-service teaching and coursework, one full summer session of coursework, and 3 quarters of employment as an Intern Teacher in a partner school district. Full participation in the program requires being selected by a school district for employment.

Single Subject Teacher Credential Program:

The Single Subject Teacher Credential Program is designed to prepare teachers for teaching in single subject classrooms that are most commonly found in California middle and high schools, 6-12. Through coursework at UCI and fieldwork in public schools, candidates will have opportunities to enhance their content knowledge in their subject area, develop knowledge about second language acquisition and literacy, learn about theories and models for best pedagogical practices and apply that knowledge and pedagogy in "real life" classrooms.

Master of Arts in Teaching with Credential Program:

The MAT is a full-time program for people seeking careers in teaching and who are interested in earning a master's degree and a teaching credential. Most MAT students complete the program in 15 months: two summers and an academic year. There is the option of entering the MAT Program in the summer immediately following the completion of teaching credential coursework at UCI. Applicants who have completed their credential elsewhere or earlier than immediately following the teaching credential program **WILL NOT** be considered.

Master of Science in Chemistry with Teaching Credential:

The UCI Chemistry Department in cooperation with the UCI Department of Education offers a two-year program leading to the Master of Science in Chemistry and a California Single Subject Teacher Credential in Chemistry. The first year of the program is devoted principally to work toward the MS in Chemistry. During the second year participants pursue the credential requirements, including either student teaching or intern teaching, and any remaining work needed to complete the MS.

Participants in the MS/Credential Program must have completed a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and must be admitted to the UCI Graduate Program in Chemistry. An undergraduate minimum grade point average of 3.1 is required. The several components of the application for graduate admission are outlined on the UCI Chemistry Department Web Site (<http://www.chem.uci.edu>). Applications and further information are available by contacting the Chemistry Graduate Affairs Office: chemgrad@chem.ps.uci.edu, (800) 829-8UCI.

Master of Science in Mathematics with Teaching Credential:

This program is designed for students who wish to be middle or high school teachers upon completion of their graduate Mathematics training. Admission to this program requires that a student has completed a Bachelor's degree in a Physical Sciences discipline: Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry.

This is a rigorous 2-3 year program. It is essential that all interested students seek guidance and counseling from the Mathematics Graduate Program Advisor as well as an academic counselor in the Department of Education prior to entering and throughout the program. Mathematics Graduate Program Advisor: Donna McConnell, (949) 824-5544, dmconne@math.uci.edu

Courses that provide an "early start" to the UCI Single Subject Credential Program:

- Education 108: Adolescent Development in Education
- Education 124: Multicultural Education in K-12 Schools
- Education 128: Exceptional Learners
- Education 131: Educational Technology; **OR**
Education 139: Technology and Literacy; **OR**
Education 152F: Teaching Math with Technology
- Education 173: Cognition and Learning in Educational Settings; **OR**
Education 176: Psychology of Learning, Abilities, and Intelligence

Checklist for Program Applicants

Submit these documents for the Teaching Credential, *MAT and *Intern programs:

- **Graduate Application**
 - Application available at http://www.rgs.uci.edu/grad/prospective/app_how.htm
 - Submission of graduate application is available online only.
- **Statement of Purpose**
 - Include your Statement of Purpose (SOP) as part of your online application or mail separately to the address below.
- **3 Letters of Recommendation**
- **2 Official Transcripts**
 - Provide 2 sets for undergraduate degree as well as for ALL universities/ colleges you have attended.
- **California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)**
 - Submit passing card original (or multiple subjects registrants can opt to take CSET I, II, III plus the CSET Writing Skills Test).
- **Certificate of Clearance**
 - Those with a valid California 30-Day Emergency or Substitute Permit submit a photocopy of this certificate. All others:
 - A. Complete Livescan application at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/applications.html> **AND** take to Police Department to be fingerprinted **AND**
 - B. Apply online via the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) at www.ctc.ca.gov.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Test Result**
 - Requires submission of recent negative results, usually Mantoux/PPD skin test.
- **Proof of Subject Matter Competency**
 - Completion of California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) or a Subject Matter Preparation Program (SMPP)
 - MAT/Credential: Highly recommended at time of application and required before Intern or Student Teaching begins.
 - Intern: Required at time of application.

NOTE: Highly Recommended Courses are listed at http://www.gse.uci.edu/AP_UMES_Preparation.php and can be taken by current UCI undergraduates. Non-UCI students can enroll via UC Irvine Extension, Access UCI or Summer Session.

REMINDER: Evidence of subject matter competency through CSET or SMPP will be required prior to Student Teaching.

*MAT program applicants submit the following additional item:

- Official GRE scores.
 - Take the GRE General exam.

NOTE: Ed. 173 taken before or during the first MAT summer is the best option to avoid scheduling conflicts/delays in program completion. Ed. 173 is the pre-requisite for Ed. 203, a course scheduled for the first MAT summer.

*Intern program applicants submit the following additional items:

- Proof of Subject Matter Competency
 - Submit an official CSET score report indicating all subtests passed OR an approved SMPP verification.
- Intern Candidate Information form
 - This form must accompany a copy of your resume and an unofficial copy of your transcripts.
- Resume

Important: Collect supporting documentation for your application and submit to:

Scott Carolan, Admissions Counselor

UCI Department of Education

2001 Berkeley Place

Irvine, CA 92697-5500

Information contained in this document is subject to change

For questions about the admission process, email scarolan@uci.edu

For other Student Affairs matters call (949) 824-3348